

# CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

## South China Sea Series

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Executive Seminar Room, Level 3, Block B, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

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## DEFINING EEZ CLAIMS FROM ISLANDS: A Potential South China Sea Change

### SPEAKERS



**Robert Beckman**

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Robert C. Beckman is the Director of the NUS Centre for International Law and an Associate Professor in the NUS Faculty of Law. He specialises in Law of the Sea and has been following the South China Sea dispute for more than 20 years.



**Clive Schofield**

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### INTRODUCTION

An article on the South China Sea disputes by Robert Beckman and Clive Schofield was recently published in *The International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law* 29 (2014) 193–243.

In this Seminar the authors will highlight the main points in their article and explain why they believe their suggestions could further the peaceful resolution of the maritime disputes in the South China Sea. An abstract of the article is as follows:

*In the face of seemingly intractable territorial and maritime disputes in the South China Sea, the article examines how the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) sets out what maritime claims States can make in the South China Sea and how it establishes a framework that will enable States to either negotiate maritime boundary agreements or negotiate joint development arrangements (JDAs) in areas of overlapping maritime claims. It provides an avenue whereby the maritime claims of the claimants can be brought into line with international law, potentially allowing for meaningful discussions on cooperation and maritime joint development based on areas of overlapping maritime claims defined on the basis of the UNCLOS.*

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